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1. ~~The SED Administration for Statistics~~ in the East German State Planning Commission was, in October 1954, composed of about 60 selected SED members. Once a week, weather permitting, the group undergoes formal basic training in the coal courtyard of the Commission before office hours start. The group also has a small-caliber target range set up in the cellar of the office building. The Kampfgruppe marches at the head of the demonstrators at various rallies. It also provides a two-man guard for the Secret Documents Office, in addition to the Volkspolizei guarding the building and the Administration's own house police.

2. Head of the Kampfgruppe is Willi Malze, Department Head of the General Administration (AV).

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3. Kurt Dessau, an orthodox SED member, is in charge of the Statistical Technical Department - the Hollerith Department - of the Central Administration.

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(The Hollerith machines are foreign property and merely rented in East Germany. The State Central Administration for Statistics (Berlin C 2, Klosterstrasse 80-85) has the largest Hollerith department in East Germany, but the machines are old and much in need of repair thanks to constant overuse on a three-shift system.)

Attempts to manufacture some of the parts in the East German nationalized watch industry met with little success.

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The adding mechanism (Summen-Raffer) of the tabulating machines in particular can only be replaced with parts of the original manufacture.

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since 1953 they have been manufactured and printed in East Germany.)

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As Head of the Hollerith department, Kurt Dessau handled the business liaison and also received the commissions for contract placement there (in addition to his salary in the Administration). Despite his reputation for Party orthodoxy, however, Dessau's business connections have made him suspect security-wise for a department which processes much highly confidential source material (including, for example, industrial production

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